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SUBJECT: USSR SUPPORT OF MLS AND ISSUE OF BILATERAL AIR  
TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, ETC.

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1. DURING RECENT VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
DAVENPORT (DOT), WE CALLED ON SOVIET DEL. REP MOROZOV  
STILL IN MOSCOW. RECEIVED BY ORLOVETS, ACTING (ANC  
COMMISSIONER), AND DOBROVOLSKI (SOVIET DELEGATION  
STAFF). SINCE VISIT WAS FOR GENERAL ORIENTATION ONLY,  
US REP TOOK OCCASION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION AGAIN TO  
USSR FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN CONNECTION WITH MLS PROCE-  
DURE AND US PROPOSAL. TOUCHED LIGHTLY ON OTHER  
SUBJECTS.

2. AT END OF MEETING, DOBROVOLSKI DETAINED US FOR  
OBVIOUS PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SPECIFIC ISSUE. HE  
INDICATED THAT USSR HOPED THAT "AEROFLOT EFFORT"  
IN NY COULD BE SUPPORTED. ALTHOUGH LANGUAGE WAS  
SOMEWHAT NEBULOUS, IN RESPONSE TO US REP REQUEST FOR  
CLARIFICATION HE REFERRED TO "NY SITUATION" AND  
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SAID THAT A NEW MAN HAD BEEN BROUGHT IN TO  
"STRAIGHTEN IT OUT" (SAMOROUKOV). HE SAID THAT  
THEY HOPE THEIR NEW REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE ABLE  
TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE. WHEN US REP ASKED FOR  
FURTHER CLARIFICATION, HE MENTIONED THE BILATERAL  
AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. US REP INDICATED THAT  
WE WERE NOT INVOLVED WITH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

AND DID NOT KNOW THE STATUS. HE SAID THAT THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL AND THEY WERE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT NEXT SESSION. SUBTLY BUT CLEARLY HE INDICATED THAT THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT OF THE US MLS/TRSB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH RESPECT TO AIR TRANSPORT PROBLEMS. US REP REITERATED (WHAT IS NOW AN "OLD STORY")--THAT THE US DOES NOT ASSOCIATE MATTERS OF THIS KIND--THAT THE MLS IS A TECHNICAL PROJECT HANDLED BY FAA, AND THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT IS HANDLED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS. HE ASKED THAT WE REMIND WASHINGTON OF THE STRONG SUPPORT THEY HAVE GIVEN US ON SEVERAL MAJOR ISSUES, AND OUR CLOSE COOPERATION IN TECHNICAL AVIATION.

3. REFTEL REPORTED THE USSR REQUEST THAT WE "EASE OFF" IN NY IN DEFERENCE TO THEIR SUPPORT OF US/MLS POSITION. APPARENTLY THEY ARE DELIBERATELY PERSISTING. THIS MOST RECENT APPROACH SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEPTEMBER 12-13 VISIT OF FAA ADMINISTRATOR BOND AND HIS MEETING WITH MINISTER BUGHAEV, AND OUR OVERALL RELATIONS DURING THE ASSEMBLY (ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO DIRECTLY RELEVANT ISSUE BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY. HARPER

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